

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 608

Introduced by Assembly Member Morrell

February 20, 2013

An act to amend Section 47601 of the Education Code, relating to pupils.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 608, as introduced, Morrell. Charter schools: operation.

The Charter Schools Act of 1992 allows one or more persons seeking to establish a charter school within a school district to circulate a petition to that effect. The act provides for the establishment and operation of a charter school as prescribed. Existing law expresses the Legislature's intent to provide an opportunity for teachers, parents, pupils, and community members to establish and maintain schools that operate independently from the existing school district structure, as a method to accomplish specified goals.

This bill would make a nonsubstantive change to the latter provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 47601 of the Education Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 47601. It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this part,
- 4 to provide ~~opportunities~~ *an opportunity* for teachers, parents,
- 5 pupils, and community members to establish and maintain schools

- 1 that operate independently from the existing school district
2 structure, as a method to accomplish all of the following:
- 3 (a) Improve pupil learning.
 - 4 (b) Increase learning opportunities for all pupils, with special
5 emphasis on expanded learning experiences for pupils who are
6 identified as academically low achieving.
 - 7 (c) Encourage the use of different and innovative teaching
8 methods.
 - 9 (d) Create new professional opportunities for teachers, including
10 the opportunity to be responsible for the learning program at the
11 schoolsite.
 - 12 (e) Provide parents and pupils with expanded choices in the
13 types of educational opportunities that are available within the
14 public school system.
 - 15 (f) Hold the schools established under this part accountable for
16 meeting measurable pupil outcomes, and provide the schools with
17 a method to change from rule-based to performance-based
18 accountability systems.
 - 19 (g) Provide vigorous competition within the public school
20 system to stimulate continual improvements in all public schools.